



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

Board of Selectmen Meeting

June 2, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Cotter Room

Members present: Ken Coyle, Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Tom Dion, Maureen Jansen

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Announcements: Chairman announces that the 14th Annual Fishing Derby is to be held on June 7, 2014, and the Special and Annual Town Meetings are to be held on June 9, 2014
- Action/Discussion items:

1. Discussion on the remaining articles for the Special and Annual Town Meeting, June 9, 2014 (attached)

Article 1-M/Burbine to pass over

S/Franey

Voted 5-0

Article 4-Hold

Article 11-M/Franey to Passover

S/Jansen

Dion, no

Voted 4-1

Article 12-Hold

Article 21-M/Burbine to approve only if Town Counsel believes it is necessary or advisable.

S/Franey

Voted 5-0

Article 26- Fire Chief Nuttall provided information addressing the ladder truck replacement. (attached)

M/Franey to approve and authorize to borrow up to 1.2 million dollars.

S/Dion for discussion. – Maybe we should consider transferring the funds from stabilization, let's put the wheels in motion though if it can't be repaired, just not to pigeon hole a funding source. Burbine agrees and we should set up a committee

consisting of a Town Manager, member of Finance Committee, member of Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief for what to buy, and we should decided now if we want a debt exclusion.

Voted 5-0

2. Public Comment – none

M/Burbine to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing strategies pertaining to the Abington Manager's Association, and not to reconvene to open session

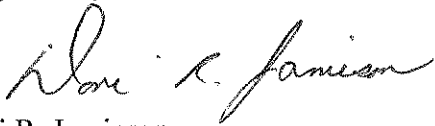
S/Franey

Jansen, aye; Dion, aye; Franey, aye; Burbine, aye; Coyle, aye

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dori R. Jamieson".

Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SUMMARY			
JUNE 9, 2014			
Article #	Article Summary	\$\$\$	Funding Source
1	End of Year Inter-Budget Transfers	\$ -	See Attachment
2	Professional Assistance Regarding Charter Update	\$ 5,000.00	Health Insurance Line Item
3	Wage and Classification Plan for management staff	\$ 9,000.00	Health Insurance Line Item
4	Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements	\$ -	See Attached Motion

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SUMMARY			JUNE 9, 2014
Article #	Description	\$\$\$	Funding Source/Comments
1	Water Department Pension transfer	\$ 163,933.11	Water Undesignated Fund Balance & Water Conservation Undesignated Fund Balance
2	Water Department Contractual Sick Leave Buy Back	\$ 7,636.14	Water Salary Line Item
3	Budget Article	\$ 42,036,856.00	See Description
	Raise & Appropriate \$ 40,938,971		
	Transfer from Stabilization Fund \$ 240,000		
	Transfer from Water Special Revenue Fund \$ 47,821 (Indirect Costs)		
	Transfer from Sewer Enterprise \$ 242,192 (Indirect Costs)		
	Transfer from Ambulance Fund \$134,177 (Indirect Costs)		
	Transfer from Golf Enterprise Fund \$2,447 (Indirect Costs)		
	Transfer from Water Special Revenue Fund \$ 431,248 (Debt Service)		
4	Elected Official Salary (Town Clerk)	\$ 2,552.00	Raise & Appropriate
5	Fire Department Contractual Sick Leave Buy Back	\$ 19,065.00	Raise & Appropriate
6	Hazardous Waste Collection Day Funding	\$ 1,500.00	Raise & Appropriate
7	Water Capital: Heavy Duty Pick-Up Truck	\$ 35,000.00	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
8	Water Capital: Purchase Water Meters	\$ 50,000.00	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
9	Water Capital: Upgrade Servers and Billing Software	\$ 50,000.00	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
10	Petition by A New Day	\$ 5,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
11	Request to Adopt the Community Preservation Act	\$ -	Not Applicable
12	Accept New Roadways	\$ -	Not Applicable
13	Re-authorization of Revolving Funds	\$ -	Not Applicable
14	Transfer Funds from Garavanta article for purchase of textbooks	\$ 75,000.00	Existing Article
15	Out of District Vo-Technical Transportation Funding	\$ 14,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
16	By-Law Amendment: Reduce Town Meeting Quorum to 75	\$ -	Not Applicable
17	Amend Charter Section 3-16 regarding filing committee vacancies	\$ -	Not Applicable
18	Amend Charter to create a Department of Public Works	\$ -	Not Applicable
19	Request to Adopt Pawnbroker Licensing By-Law	\$ -	Not Applicable
20	By-Law Amendment: Update Permit to Dump (Chapter 2, Section 10)	\$ -	Not Applicable
21	Amend "General Code" (housekeeping)	\$ -	Not Applicable
22	Approve Intermunicipal Agreement with South Shore Recycling Cooperative	\$ -	Not Applicable
23	Approve establishment of South Shore Vo-Tech Stabilization Fund	\$ -	Not Applicable
24	Approve By-Law broadening authority to require payment of obligations to town	\$ -	Not Applicable
25	Zoning By-Law: Marijuana Dispensaries	\$ -	Not Applicable
26	Approve debt authorization for Ladder/Tower Fire Truck	\$ 1,200,000.00	Debt Authorization
**** Only if town counsel believes it necessary or advisable.			

Dori Jamieson

From: John M. Nuttall
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 1:06 PM
To: Rick LaFond; Andy Burbine; Dori Jamieson; Ken Coyle; Maureen Jansen; Tom Dion; mwfraney@msn.com
Subject: RE: Ladder/tower truck

Dear Honorable Board of Selectmen,

In order to prepare for Monday night's meeting, I have provided a few points to you that may assist in addressing questions, rumors or concerns that I have begun to hear around town regarding the ladder truck replacement.

These began as my working notes, however I felt that they may also prove helpful to you to understand prior to Monday.

Please feel free to ask me if you need any further clarification on these, or other questions which you may have.

Ladder Truck Questions/Issues:

1. The Ladder was NOT damaged at the Fire Academy, nor has it ever been there. It simply rusted through and weakened, and was discovered prior to other major repairs that were scheduled.
2. Thankfully the damage was discovered prior to any accident which could have occurred with a firefighter climbing it.
3. It is simply not feasible to repair the truck- this is NOT a simple repair from a weld- it is a 4' long crack along a double C-channel main beam; In addition, there are Hydraulic issues; Waterway issue; Age of the vehicle; original motor, transmission, etc.
4. Parts are difficult to find for this vehicle. The last few years required a custom built radiator repair, wheel rims replaced due to the unavailability of tube tires anymore, and we are facing a major waterway part that cannot be located.
5. It is my responsibility to order a firefighter to climb this aerial- I am NOT confident this will ever be safe again, and will not risk their injury or death on a vehicle that is already 6 years past its useable life expectancy.
6. I am not opposed to looking for a used aerial, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS ONLY, as long as funding for a new vehicle is first approved at Town Meeting. This is for several reasons: any "used" aerial was replaced for a reason, which could already be damaged or is in need of additional costly repairs; we need to outfit the vehicle for Abington's use (radio installations, equipment, etc.); Abington personnel would need to train on any "new" equipment, especially an aerial. This is critical, as there would probably be some issues unique to an older vehicle (parts or features that do not work properly, or at all- this would be expected from a vehicle that was just replaced for one reason or another).
7. Any aerial, new or used, will need to fit in our stations. While this sounds self-explanatory, there are several critical considerations:
 1. The best option would be to fit it at Station One (Bedford Street). This has proven difficult to find an aerial truck to fit at this station, due to the low doors and ceiling height. I do not feel it would be worth altering the station, as this would prove very costly, and the Rt. 18 widening project will be an issue in the future anyway.
 2. Any aerial that may fit in Station Two (Rockland Street) will need to also include a fire pump, hose and tank of water (a "quint"). Any first arriving fire truck needs the capability to immediately begin fire suppression, by using water. A dry ladder truck will not work for Abington if it is assigned at Station Two.
8. I understand the article asking for \$1.2 million is a large amount, however this is the ballpark we are in. If it is possible to find an aerial that would work for the Town of Abington at a cost less than this, then we will pursue it, however we will need the funding ability to proceed. I do not want to, nor do we have the luxury of time, to request more funding at a future town meeting in the event a figure of less than \$1.2 million is granted.

9. I also understand the trepidation of this article, as the Town went through this 27 years ago. One major difference between now and then, is the fact that back in 1986, Abington still had the ability to utilize the existing 1961 aerial ladder. We simply do not have that luxury today; the current ladder is not operational, and I strongly anticipate that it will not pass the next DOT safety inspection, scheduled for next week (this is conducted every June on this vehicle). If this does not pass the DOT inspection, it will be taken off of the road for everyone's safety.

Respectfully,
John M. Nuttall
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